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1. HAITIAN CUSTOM OFFICIALS ARRESTED THREE AMERICANS (TWO TOURISTS AND ONE RESIDENT) 14 AND 15 JULY FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA. ALTHOUGH AMOUNTS WERE VERY SMALL AND APPARENTLY FOR PERSONAL USE, THEY WERE PLACED FIRMLY BUT COURTEOUSLY IN JAIL AND REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH NORMAL COURT PROCEDURE. THEIR CASES WERE HEARD 21 JULY; THEY WERE FINED \$1,000 EACH AND RELEASED. (NOTE: IN THE CASE OF THE TWO TOURISTS, CUSTOMS IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION OF THE MARIJUANA AS "THEIR" BAG, SO THE COURT FINED BOTH TOURISTS EQUALLY.)

2. THIS FINE PARALLELS THAT OF SEVERAL HAITIAN USERS WHO WERE TRIED RECENTLY AND APPARENTLY NOW REPRESENTS THE NORM FOR USERS, OR AT LEAST SMALL TIME USERS.

3. IN THE FUTURE, THEREFORE, WE WOULD ASSUME THAT ALL AMERICAN SMALL TIME USERS CAUGHT BY HAITIAN CUSTOMS CAN EXPECT TO BE JAILED UNTIL THEIR CASE IS HEARD; THAT THE LEGAL

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PROCESS MAY TAKE A WEEK AT A MINIMUM, AND THAT THE USER WILL THEN BE FINED \$1,000 AND MUST ALSO PAY ATTORNEY FEES. WE WOULD HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN FIND MEANS OF PASSING THE WORD CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH.
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